





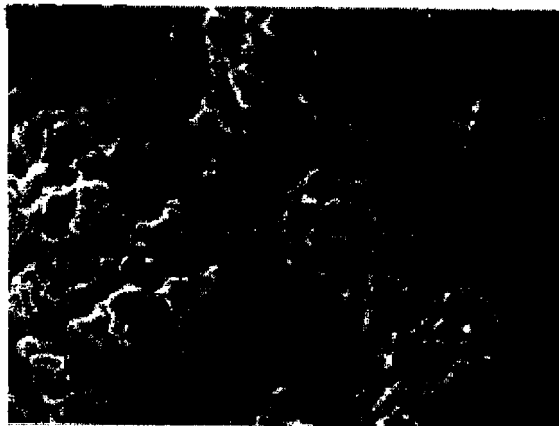


METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR SEGREGATING SALT FROM METAL POWDER**Patent number:** WO2005028145**Publication date:** 2005-03-31**Inventor:** ARMSTRONG DONN REYNOLDS (US); ANDERSON RICHARD P (US); JACOBSEN LANCE (US); KOGUT DARIUSZ (US)**Applicant:** INTERNAT TITANIUM POWDER LLC (US); ARMSTRONG DONN REYNOLDS (US); ANDERSON RICHARD P (US); JACOBSEN LANCE (US); KOGUT DARIUSZ (US)**Classification:****- International:** C22B5/04; C22B9/02; C22B34/12; C22B5/00; C22B9/02; C22B34/00; (IPC1-7): B22F9/28; C22B5/04**- european:** C22B9/02; C22B34/12H2B; C22B34/12R**Application number:** WO2004US31015 20040915**Priority number(s):** US20030502921P 20030915**Also published as:** WO2005028145 (A3)**Cited documents:** US6409797
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A process in which an elemental material or an alloy thereof is made by the subsurface introduction of one or more of a vapor halide of the elemental material or components of an alloy into a stoichiometric excess of a liquid reductant alkali or alkaline earth metal producing a powder of the elemental material or alloy and a halide salt of the reductant metal and excess liquid reductant metal followed by filtration to produce a filter cake. A heating element is contact with some of the filter cake to produce a temperature gradient across the filter cake under vacuum to distill liquid reductant metal from the filter cake and to sublime the halide salt from a hotter portion of the filter cake to a cooler portion. A heated inert sweep gas in contact with the filter cake during and/or after distillation of the liquid metal reductant under vacuum sublimates the halide salt from the filter cake and transport the sublimated halide to a distant location.

Typical Ti powder from REYN 008



Scope magnification: 3000X

Chemical analysis for powder alloy: O₂ = 2200 ppm

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